

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 3 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid container comprising:
  - an accommodation portion to define a liquid accommodation space;
  - a liquid supply portion to supply a liquid accommodated in the accommodation space to an outside;
  - a mechanism to maintain or expand a volume of the accommodation space;
  - and
  - a one-way valve to allow an introduction of a gas from the outside into the accommodation space and prevent the liquid and gas from flowing out of the accommodation space to the outside;
- wherein the one-way valve includes: a flexible sheet formed of a resin material situated between a first chamber on the accommodation space side and a second chamber on the outside and having an area to secure a predetermined level of freedom of deflection; a plate-shaped valve closing member attached to the flexible sheet; and a valve mechanism to perform an open-close operation accompanied by a deflection of the flexible sheet, the degree of the flexible sheet deflection conforming to a pressure difference between the first chamber and the second chamber;
- wherein ~~the~~ an area of the flexible sheet around an outer periphery of said plate-shaped valve closing member is formed with ~~an~~ a plurality of undulated portion

portions whose undulated ~~form is~~ forms are maintained in at least an operation range of the valve mechanism; and

wherein the plurality of undulated portions are formed in a plurality of positions substantially along a circumference of said plate-shaped valve closing member.

2. (Currently Amended) A liquid container according to claim 1, wherein ~~the area of the flexible sheet is formed with an undulated portion,~~ the plurality of undulated portion rising or a sinking portions rise or sink toward the first chamber side or the second chamber side.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A liquid container according to claim 1, wherein the valve mechanism includes ~~a valve closing member attached to the flexible sheet,~~ a seal member provided at a predetermined position to oppose the valve closing member, and a biasing member urging the seal member and in a direction opposing the valve closing member into mutual engagement;

wherein the valve closing member has an opening communicating the first chamber and the second chamber with each other;

wherein the seal member opens or closes the opening as the valve closing member moves accompanied by a deflection of the flexible sheet.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) An ink tank accommodating ink as a liquid in the liquid container of claim 1.

7. (Original) An ink jet cartridge having the ink tank of claim 6 and an ink jet print head to eject ink.

8. (Original) An ink jet printing apparatus for printing an image by using the ink tank of claim 6 and an ink jet print head to eject ink and by ejecting ink supplied from the ink tank from the ink jet print head.

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9. (Currently Amended) A one-way valve for allowing a fluid to move from a first chamber on one side of a path to a second chamber on the other side and blocking the fluid from moving from the second chamber to the first chamber, the one-way valve comprising:

a flexible sheet formed of a resin material situated between the first chamber and the second chamber and having an area to secure a predetermined level of freedom of deflection;

a plate-shaped valve closing member attached to the flexible sheet; and

a valve mechanism to perform an open-close operation accompanied by a deflection of the flexible sheet, the degree of the flexible sheet deflection conforming to a pressure difference between the first chamber and the second chamber;

wherein ~~the~~ an area of the flexible sheet around an outer periphery of said plate-shaped valve closing member is formed with ~~an~~ a plurality of undulated portion portions whose undulated ~~form is~~ forms are maintained in at least an operation range of the valve mechanism; and

wherein the plurality of undulated portions are formed in a plurality of positions substantially along a circumference of said plate-shaped valve closing member.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a liquid container, wherein the liquid container includes: an accommodation portion to define a liquid accommodation space; a liquid supply portion to supply a liquid accommodated in the accommodation space to an outside; a mechanism to maintain or expand a volume of the accommodation space; and a one-way valve to allow an introduction of a gas from the outside into the accommodation space and prevent the liquid and gas from flowing out of the accommodation space to the outside;

wherein the one-way valve includes: a flexible sheet formed of a resin material situated between a first chamber on the accommodation space side and a second chamber on the outside and having an area to secure a predetermined level of freedom of deflection; a plate-shaped valve closing member attached to the flexible sheet; and a valve mechanism to perform an open-close operation accompanied by a deflection of the flexible

sheet, the degree of the flexible sheet deflection conforming to a pressure difference between the first chamber and the second chamber;

the method comprising:

a step of, before or after the flexible sheet is assembled into the one-way valve, forming in ~~the~~an area of the flexible sheet around an outer periphery of said plate-shaped valve closing member a plurality of an undulated portion-portions whose undulated ~~form is~~forms are maintained in at least an operation range of the valve mechanism; and  
wherein the plurality of undulated portions are formed in a plurality of positions substantially along a circumference of said plate-shaped valve closing member.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a liquid container according to claim 10, further including:

a step of forming the plurality of undulated portion-portions in the area of the flexible sheet before the flexible sheet is assembled into the one-way valve; and

a step of, when the flexible sheet formed with the plurality of undulated portion-portions is assembled into the one-way valve, setting an assembly attitude of the flexible sheet so that the undulated ~~form~~forms of the undulated portion-portions can be maintained in at least a deflection range of the flexible sheet as the valve mechanism performs an open-close operation.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a liquid container according to claim 10, further including:

a step of assembling into the one-way valve the flexible sheet not formed with the plurality of undulated ~~portion~~ portions in the area of the flexible sheet; and

a step of forming the plurality of undulated ~~portion~~ portions in the area of the flexible sheet after the flexible sheet is assembled into the one-way valve.

13. (Original) A method of manufacturing a liquid container according to claim 10, further including:

a step of, after preparing the liquid container provided with the one-way valve, injecting a liquid into the accommodation portion.